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Hate crime trial nearing conclusion

By Raphael Stroud
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After weeks of witness testimonies, the misdemeanor hate crime trial of events that occurred on the SJSU campus is coming to a close.

Prosecutor Carolyn Malinsky began her closing argument late Tuesday afternoon, focusing on contradicting statements made by defendants and bouts of memory loss when recounting the charged crime.

She contrasted this with testimonies by Donald Williams Jr. and other witnesses called by the prosecution.

Malinsky told the jury she

didn't have to prove whether or not the defendants meant to cause harm for them to be guilty of battery, and that she didn't have to prove they had racist traits to be guilty of a hate crime; she only had to prove they targeted Williams discriminately and that they had caused him trauma and harm.

She argued that, in light of all evidence, it is clear that Williams was specifically targeted by his roommates for no other reason than being African-American, citing how only his nickname in the dorm had to do with race and how he was the only person

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CAMPUS IMAGE



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Nathan Cox (left), Steven Davis (middle) and Adon Valenziano (right) extract a pitcher of molten aluminum at SJSU's foundry while giving a demonstration Tuesday night to show how casting is done for Keith Daly's Art 1 class.

FIGHT FOR FIVE

CFA fact-finding process to determine strike status

By Vasuki Rao
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On Feb. 8, the California Faculty Association's Board of Directors set potential strike dates for April 13 - 15 and April 18 - 19. To help students better understand the bargaining process and possible strike period, a conference call with CFA President Jennifer Eagan was set up with student newspaper reporters on Feb. 12.

Last November, the CFA represented 26,000 employees from 23 California State University campuses and took a vote on whether or not the CFA would strike if the negotiations with CSU for a five percent salary increase failed.

The vote took place at San Jose State University and ended with 94.4 percent in favor of authorizing a strike.

"The decision about the strike that I want all of you to know is that it wasn't made in haste. It was made over the course of many months," Eagan said. "The board of directors considered and approved the strike authorizations that had input from all your CSU directors and teachers."

CSU faculty members did not receive a salary increase from 2008 to 2012. In 2013, they received a \$80 monthly raise.

According to Eagan, the compensation offered was so small that they decided to distribute it evenly.

In 2014, which was the first year of their current contract, they received a 1.6 percent raise.

"The gap between the CSU management's 2 percent offer and our proposal of a 5 percent salary increase, plus an SSI (Supplement Security Income), amounts to a 0.8 percent of the CSU's total budget and less than 1.4 percent of the net operating budget," Eagan said.

These numbers, when translated into actual dollars, result in a difference of 27 million dollars. Eagan admitted that this sounds like a huge amount of money, but CSU has a total budget of \$4 billion.

In July 2009, CSU members took a 10 percent pay cut to help close a budget deficit during the recession and voted for furloughs. This decision comprised 54 percent of votes from union members.

"We've seen other state workers get a 5 to 6 percent increase...out of recognition that they had to tighten their belts during the recession," Eagan said. "We're also wondering why the CSU is so out of step with similar institutions managing to give their employees raises, enabling them to

recuperate from the recession."

In 2010, after the faculty took furloughs, the CSU began building reserves in case of a crisis but Eagan said the reserves they have are extraordinarily high for a public institution that is "supposed to be delivering public good."

"We think part of how they have amassed those reserves is by saving money on faculty salaries," Eagan said.

Among other concerns the CFA has regarding CSU is the misplacement of "spending priorities." Over the past few years, the way CSU spends their money has become less transparent because of fewer audits that show where they spend their money, according to Eagan.

Before the faculty is allowed to legally strike, a fact-finding process will take place. This process is not an option because it is stated in the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, which requires a fact-finding panel to review testimonies and evidence from both sides as part of the bargaining process.

The panel consists of a neutral fact-finder and a representative from each side.

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POWER POETRY

Elvira Prieto inspires SJSU students

By James Kim
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The Spring Welcome and Poetry Writing Workshop was held by the "Chican@/Latin@ Student Success Task Force" Tuesday evening in the Student Union Ballroom.

According to Marcos Pizarro, the event was an introduction of the task force members to attendees, ensuring that people feel welcome and a part of the community. The task force members intend to be a group of support and expression.

The task force invited author Elvira Prieto as a speaker for the Diversity Speaker Series after the reception.

Prieto received her B.A. in Psychology at Stanford University, where she is currently the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Associate Director of El Centro Chicano y Latino. She also received an Ed.M in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

The author read excerpts from her book, An (I'm) possible Life: Poesia y Testimonio in the Borderlands, including stories titled "A Still Photograph of my Childhood," "I Deleted You" and "Besitos." The book is a collection of memories of her early life, family and emotional healing.

Her stories were emotional and covered various topics, including how fear and love affected her personally and professionally.

"I write to share my truths, I write to hear my voice, I write to forgive, I write because I hope, I write because I love, and I write because I live," Prieto said. She also spoke about the practice of writing as "something we can always continue to improve." It is a "powerful way to share who we are with each other."

Students were given the opportunity to develop their writing and poetry to share with the attendees of the event. Photographs, such as those of the moon over the horizon or the Mexican flag, were used as images upon which students were to develop their prose.

According to Pizarro, the event was an opportunity for students to use writing to develop an understanding "of their own experiences to feel validated." The task force attempts to give support to those who need it.

Students shared their personal, emotional stories with the author and attendees.

The Student Task Force will host Dr. Aida Hurtado and Dr. Mrinal Sinha on March 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The subject of the event, "Beyond Machismo," will be a study of the prevailing ideas of Latino machismo, sexism, homogeneity and cultural perceptions regarding young Latino men.

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FOOTBALL BLUES

Post Super Bowl sadness in The Bay

By Casey Geier
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Super Bowl 50 took the Bay Area by storm about a week ago, but swiftly passed after Sunday's game. While the festivities were here, they encompassed the entire Bay Area with a blanket of excitement.

Taylor Dubose and Bryan Valko, baristas at San Pedro Market, talked about how business changed during the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl.

"Business was on and off during the week surprisingly, but definitely picked up

Super Bowl weekend and the weekend before," Valko said. "Business wasn't over the top and when it did get busier, it was when there were people here we are not used to seeing."

Now that the Super Bowl is over and tourists have left the Bay Area, San Pedro Market will return to serving coffee mostly to locals.

The city of San Jose paved over the streets of San Pedro Square with AstroTurf to bring spirit to the big game.

Games and activities were

held on the homemade field during the weeks prior. Signs advertising both the Panthers and Broncos could also be seen painted around San Jose.

"It was a fun week," Valko said. "Little busier than normal, but this area felt more like a park, which is something they should continue to do."

When asked whether San Pedro Square was the hub of all the excitement, Dubose said how people seemed to be hanging out more downtown and near the Marriott.

The Marriott hosted the Carolina Panthers during

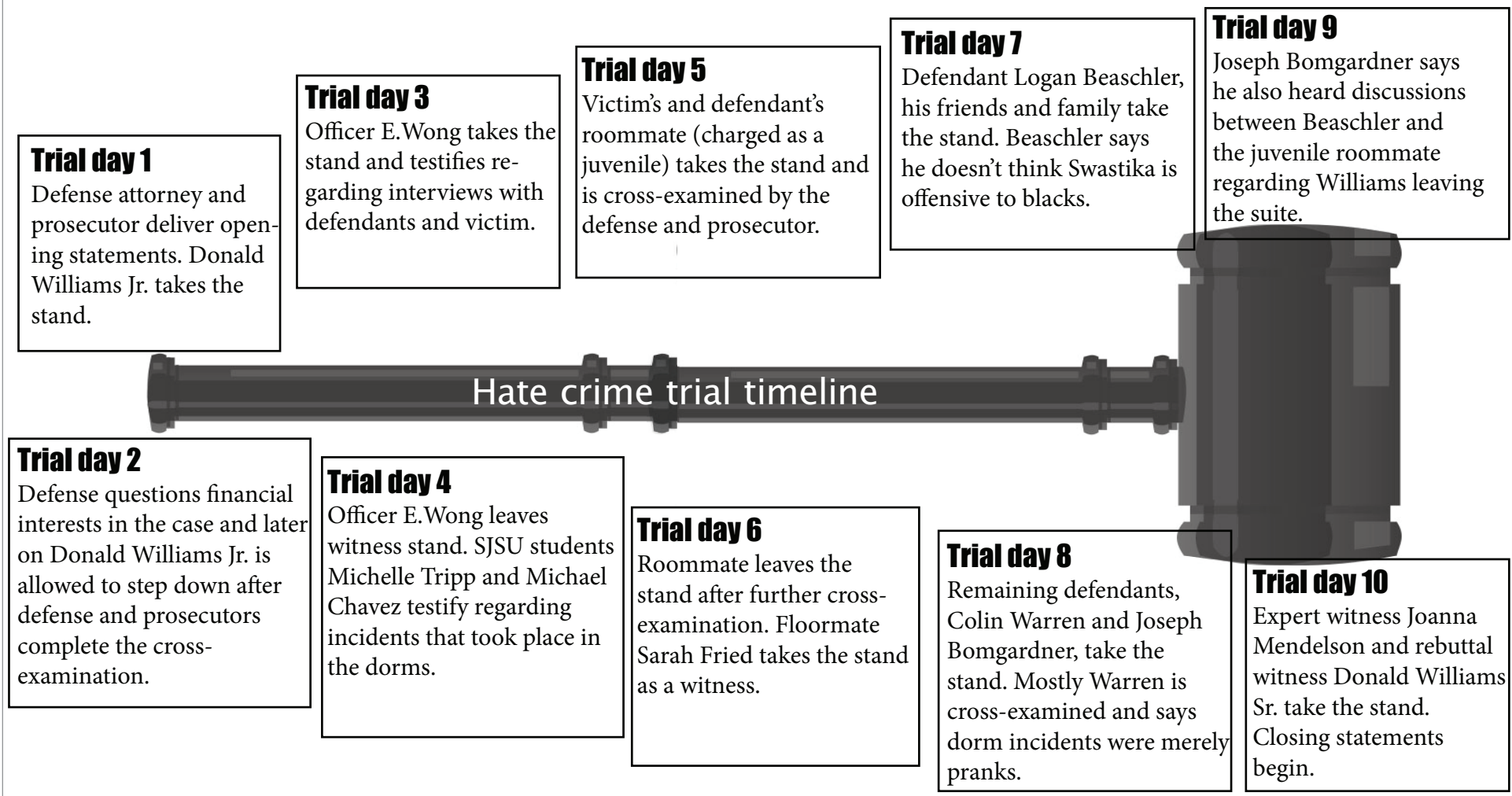
their stay in San Jose, and players could be seen signing jerseys and helmets outside the hotel.

Hotel prices and airline tickets in the Bay Area saw a significant jump during Super Bowl weekend.

According to TravelSkills, hotels in San Francisco, San Jose and Pleasanton saw over a 400 percent increase in prices during Super Bowl weekend. Hotels previously priced at \$200 per night in January soared to \$1000 per night.

Kelly Legania, a paramedic for Arcadian Ambulance

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Infographic by Kevin Mistry

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to be put in a bike lock.

She said the symbolism in the act was clear.

“You lock up your bicycle, you lock up animals, you lock up slaves. You don’t lock up people,” Malinsky said, referencing the “Three-Fifths” nickname that likened Williams to only a fraction of a person.

She also pointed to defendant Joseph Bomgardner’s admission of regret as a sign that the boys knew their actions weren’t harmless. Bomgardner’s refusal to participate in other plans was another sign that the boys knew their actions weren’t mere pranks, according to Malinsky.

Before closing arguments began, expert and rebuttal witnesses fielded questions from the attorneys.

Donald Williams, Sr. shared his experience of taking his son back to SJSU to find the Confederate Flag draped on a cardboard cutout of Elvis Presley and the N-word written

on the whiteboard.

Williams, Sr. said he had been warned about what was happening in room 704 by the mother of Williams, Jr.’s roommate, Matt Reagan.

Joanna Mendelson, a 15-year member of the Anti-Defamation League, was called in by the prosecution to share her insight on Nazi and Confederate imagery as an expert witness.

While she went over the histories of the Confederate Flag, Swastika and SS lightning bolts, the defense challenged her on the contextual use of the imagery, and not the inherent racism of the items themselves.

The defense zargued that using the items in satire or films making light of them did not necessarily mean they were used in a racist context. For the most part, Mendelson disagreed.

While she did debate the use of the N-word in regards to quoting rap lyrics, she conceded that it wasn’t necessarily racist to say it, but also said that even among African-Americans, acceptance of the word is not universal.

Prior to the proper proceedings, Mendelson’s inclusion

was debated between defense and prosecution, as the defense believed she would not add anything significant to evidence and would only repeat “common knowledge.”

Prosecutor Malinsky pointed out that most witnesses called by defense had expressed unfamiliarity with the offensive connotations of the imagery, so an expert’s opinion was necessary.

Defendant Colin Warren also retook the stand to deny any involvement in an alleged conversation that took place between Logan Beaschler and the fourth roommate (who was a juvenile at the time). The conversation in question was about the possibility of Williams, Jr. leaving the dorm due to hazing.

The attorneys will continue their closing arguments today.

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Bonnie Castrey, the neutral fact-finder chosen by both sides, will write the fact-finding report on what she considers the right interpretation of the arguments.

The representatives — Bradley Wells, financial officer from the CSU managements and Kevin Wehr, Chair of CFA bargaining team and a sociology professor at Sacramento State University — will then review the report and determine if they want to continue bargaining.

“After the fact-finding report is submitted to both sides, there will be a 10-day blackout period when only representatives can see the report,” Eagan said.

After the blackout period, the report will become public and the faculty can review and decide if they will go on strike.

If the fact-finding report is not completed

by the potential strike dates, it will be pushed to a later date.

If the faculty goes on strike during the five-day period, those who participate will not carry out classes and online classes, will not be attending committee meetings and will not be answering their emails.

Other members of the faculty union include librarians, psychological counselors and assistant coaches.

Some services that support the striking faculty will also be halted but not limited to UPS deliveries, such as workers and plumbing services.

“We do not want to strike, but we will if we have to,” Eagan said. “All the faculty will be striking in solidarity from Humboldt to San Diego.”

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in Louisiana, has past experience working as a medic for the Super Bowl.

Legania said injuries from slipping or falling are among the most common injuries for crazy fans.

“The root cause was mostly alcohol,” Legania said. “We use data from previous Super Bowls to help us figure out how many teams we would need and what type of injuries we should expect.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is also making an effort to spread safe ideas for future Super

Bowl games, with an emphasis on dressing warm.

“When you drink alcohol, you don’t realize that you are cold,” said Dr. Joseph Feldman.

Chairman of Emergency Services at Hackensack University Medical Center. “You lose more heat and you are not able to pump warm blood as well.”

Super Bowl 51 will be played at NRG Stadium in Houston in 2017.

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Wardrobe Wednesday

Graciela Gonzalez
Freshman business administration

Shirt
White crop top
H&M \$15

Pants
Ripped jeans
Tilly's \$30

Flannel
Plaid black and red
Tilly's \$20

Shoes
Adidas white Superstars
Adidas online \$80

Alyssa Orozco
Graduate Student education counseling

Shirt
Baseball tee
American Eagle \$12

Pants
Washed jeans
H&M \$20

Sandals
Reef flip-flops
Pacsun \$20

Jhonny Mendoza
Junior business marketing

Hat
Beige Pug
Amazon \$10

Shirt
White long sleeve
Student Involvement \$15

Pants
Black Levi's jeans
Amazon \$50

Shoes
Timberland boots
Amazon \$120

Laid back- Gonzalez was inspired by LA fashion magazines. She describes this outfit as “gender neutral” because of her distressed boyfriend tee and jeans.

Summer time- Orozco was inspired by the warm weather to sport a casual and comfortable look, wearing sandals.

Urban look- Mendoza was inspired by the beat of hip-hop and R&B, putting a unique twist of high and low. He mixes his student involvement shirt with online shopping purchases.

Infographic by Leticia Castro
Information gathered by Samantha Verdugo

Classifieds

Sudoku Puzzle

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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Previous Solutions

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Feb 16th

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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Certain term of respect
5 Caliph's faith
10 Dishonestly acquired booty
14 "The Princess Diaries" star Hathaway
15 Diving gear
16 Succulent plant
17 Picnic item, sometimes
20 Wound from a boxer?
21 Elbow conspiratorially
22 Short, straight punch
23 Homer's "Heck!"
24 "Caught in the act!"
26 Ophthalmologist's concern
28 Schooner's cargo, often
29 Shopping outlet
31 Little laugh
32 "Dog Barking at the Moon" painter Joan
34 "Christ the Redeemer" city
35 That lass
36 Picnic items, sometimes
41 Sound of pleasure
42 Big Band or Victorian
43 "Listen!" old-style
45 Hollywood's Eastwood

DOWN

- 1 "Gaping" gullet
2 Like some steroids
3 Unlikely protagonist
4 High school sports event
5 Suffice for "Marx" or "capital"
6 Screenwriter's creation
7 Humdinger
8 Home
9 Rundown and filthy
10 Close friend
11 Wood of Hollywood
12 Vicinity

- 13 Debilitated
18 Photocopier tray filler, perhaps
19 Be hot under the collar
23 Hoover construction
25 Draconian
27 Tree with edible nuts
30 Firms up, as muscles
33 Ape of Borneo
35 Mentally acute
37 Word with "second" or "laws of"
38 First wheels, for many
39 Scones
40 Widens
44 Baseball's Griffey
45 Pay one's share
46 Spanglish speaker, often
47 Map parts
49 Kolkata dress
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62 Flirtatious
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‘The Walking Dead’ is still alive

By Nick Avila
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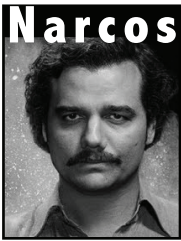
While Sunday may have been a time for roses, candies and teddy bears for many, for others it was a day for zombies, bloodshed and jaw-dropping moments. Just when you think “The Walking Dead” has tipped its hand and shown you everything it has to offer, a twist in the story keeps the series progressing. After a three month break, chills went down my spine as I heard the ominous strings of the show’s theme song. The midseason premiere was full of action that kicked the sour taste of the midseason finale out of viewer’s mouths. If you haven’t gotten caught up yet, I’d recommend you go and get up to speed before continuing on as there are spoilers ahead. The story picks up with Daryl (Norman Reedus), Abraham (Michael Cudlitz) and Sasha (Sonequa Martin-Green) getting held up by a band of gun-wielding motorcyclists who say all of their goods belong to Negan. While those who read the comics will be somewhat prepared for the new character and the rest of the eye-raising events soon to come in season six, many who solely watch the television series will be left guessing how a show about zombies can continue developing good content. The premiere does a good job of relocating each band of characters that have been split by the environment or different tasks they were working on. It also allows the viewer to follow along as the crew attempts to work their way out of tough situations. The episode then jumps to Rick (Andrew Lincoln), Carl (Chandler Riggs) and Michonne (Danai Gurira) walking with Jessie (Alexandra Breckenridge) and her two kids while they’re all in ponchos

covered in zombie guts as a way to blend in with walkers after their town, Alexandria has been overrun by the vicious zombies. Later, Glenn (Steven Yeun) does his best to save his pregnant wife, Maggie (Lauren Cohan), who is trapped on a tower as he searches a nearby church for guns and other supplies. Yeun’s acting may be the highlight of this episode as the viewer can feel his need to get to Maggie; his passionate attitude shines through. Just when the episode begins to feel like it’s dragging on and the characters’ rambling goes in one ear and out the other, the day turns to night and all hell breaks loose. Multiple characters are eaten by walkers as Rick and company have to once again operate on the fly to save the lives of those living in AMC’s zombie apocalypse. After tragedy strikes, Rick and his group decide they’ve had enough and attempt to wipe out the walkers before any more of their people are eaten. The zombies in the show have gotten uglier and more decomposed to display the time that’s passed since season one; this episode may have been filled with some of the most hideous of the series. The development of characters, such as Carl, Eugene (Josh McDermitt) and the remaining Alexandria survivors is just what the show needs. Huge explosions, a few “Oh my God!” moments and a massive genocide of walkers doesn’t hurt as well. All of those happen in this premiere that sets the tone for the back half of the season.



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What to Watch on Netflix



Get addicted to the rise and fall of Colombian kingpin Pablo Escobar as the DEA hunts him down.



After being blinded by an accident at a young age, Matt Murdock grew up to be an attorney by day and superhero by night.

Infographic by Kevin Mistry and Leticia Castro
Photos courtesy of Youtube

Blue Steel is back on the catwalk

By Ryan Vermont
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Actors Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson finally realized that nobody liked the “Night at the Museum” trilogy and decided it was time to give the people what they actually wanted, “Zoolander 2.” Derek Zoolander (Stiller), the cordial, dimwitted male model goes into hiding and quits the modeling profession after an accident costs him the life of his wife and possession of his son. Meanwhile, the world’s most beautiful people are getting systematically killed, falling lifeless with Zoolander’s signature “Blue Steel” looks on their face. Spoiler alert: Justin Bieber gets picked off early in the movie. Interpol, a criminal police organization notices and reaches out to Zoolander and his old fashion friend Hansel (Wilson) to help put an end to the killing spree. In the meantime, Derek’s enemy Jacobim Mugatu (Will Ferrell) is let free and seeks revenge. The film is set in Rome, Italy, with the film actually being filmed there as well. Throughout the movie, much of the city’s culture was presented via its art, buildings and the local language. Filming the movie in Rome’s atmosphere makes a lot of sense as the film is about the modeling industry. Rome is widely known for being a capital of fashion and is on par with other cities like Milan, Italy or Los Angeles. Even 15 years after the original “Zoolander,” Stiller and Wilson’s chemistry and talent on camera was still evident. Having the ability to say the most ridiculous lines while staying in character is what some of the best actors can do, and in this movie Stiller and Wilson pulled it off flawlessly.

Theroux, Nick Stoller and Stiller didn’t put much effort into it. Hamburg and Stiller have partnered together in other movies like “Meet The Parents” and “Along Came Polly,” as well as the first “Zoolander.” The film maintains somewhat of a bizarre charm because nothing is meant to be taken very seriously. Every character and scene is aimed at being humorous. While some of the jokes are swings, and some complete misses others were home runs. It brought back the dot tone that made



Photo courtesy of Flickr
Ben Stiller stars in “Zoolander 2,” 15 years after the original.

the original flick so loved. Popular characters and jokes from the first film made cameos and were spread throughout the movie to appear at appropriate times. “Zoolander 2” made a point to have celebrity cameos throughout its entirety. Without spoiling the plot, famous actors and musicians appear in the film either playing themselves or some useless character. Almost every scene in the movie had a celebrity show up, giving us the chance to say, “Hey there’s that person!” which was definitely intended by the producer of the film. The point of the movie is to be so ridiculous that it’s funny. For the most part, it did just that and not much else; the acting isn’t great, the script is poor and the plot is foolish. “Zoolander 2” pales in comparison to the first one and probably should have been more of a straight to DVD film rather than appear in theatres. It’s a movie that I liked, but expected a bit more from as far as its all around quality. The film inevitably lost some of its brilliance, however it’s another warm, wacky catwalk comedy with some interesting clothes and a number of celebrity cameos. As long as you know what you are getting yourself into, “Zoolander 2” is definitely worth a watch. If you aren’t into the type of dumb comedy that this movie provides, stay far far away.

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Stiller not only acted in the film but also helped direct and write it. Other motion pictures he has directed include “Tropic Thunder”, “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” and the first “Zoolander.” “Zoolander 2” falls right in line with the quality and style of directing as the comedies mentioned above. The movies that Stiller have directed or filmed are usually comedies and generally better than movies he merely acted in. Some examples of bad movies include the “Night at the Museum” series as mentioned previously, as well as some of the “Meet the Parents” movies. The script seems to take an anything-for-a-laugh approach. It seemed as if scriptwriters John Hamburg, Justin



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Should women be eligible for the draft?

Military success is about skill set, not gender

By Melissa Hartman
Staff writer

On Feb. 2, 2016, Army Gen. Mark A. Milley and Marine Corps Gen. Robert B. Neller attended the Senate Armed Services Committee and stated that “all eligible and qualified men and women should register for the draft.” This did not necessarily mean women would serve, only that registration is encouraged.

Neller later discussed how previous restrictions for women have been lifted, meaning they should register since they are full citizens.

In December, U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter opened all military jobs to women without exception. It was a monumental decision for the Armed Forces, which is still adjusting as the training and evaluation will be implemented April 1 as stated by the Department of Defense.

Thanks to Carter’s actions, women can be placed in the most physically grueling of military positions, including jobs with the Navy SEALs and Green Berets.

Neither Carter nor top generals of the Army and Marine Corps have confirmed the number of women they want to register.

The decision had even more impact because in the midst of trying to integrate women into the military, the Marine Corps lobbied against integrating all jobs, according to the Washington Post. Yet, Carter continued with his memorandum.

The Marine Corps had multiple reasons as to why



women should not be on the front lines with men, and one of the reasons was a yearlong test conducted by a gender-integrated task force.

According to the San Diego Tribune, Corps data noted that all-male units outperformed integrated ones on 69 percent of combat tasks. On average, the women were slower and not as accurate as men, and they suffered two times the amount of injuries.

Ray Mabus, who oversees the Navy and Marine Corps, criticized the latter’s study during an interview with NPR.

He said it was unfair that they study focused on average female Marines and not the top performers. Mabus considered this too generalized.

As a woman, the results were painful to read, but maybe they have something to say.

I support gender equality and am against discrimination based on sex, but maybe sex is not the issue.

Carter set seven guidelines to implement the “no exception rule,” claiming “studies conducted by the services and Socom indicate that, on average, there are physical and other differences between men and women, and implementation will take this into account,” Carter said.

If men overwhelm women in 69 percent of the areas and that is taken into account, how much leadership will women be given? If they are not outperforming or performing at the same level as their male counterparts, will women be taken seriously?

The last guideline states that the U.S. and its allies should have integrated military units, but not all nations think the same.

No matter how much training a woman goes through to protect themselves and the entire unit, she will have a bigger target on her back when going to other countries.

The U.S. regularly deploys troops to places where women are not granted permission to think for themselves, let alone fight for their country.

These officials will not respect the women wanting to serve and that could lead to disastrous consequences.

Women should have the right to do whatever they want, otherwise there is no such thing as equality.

According to *Time Magazine*, the legal mandate is less important than the moral mandate that we should value highly.

Women should automatically have the right to compete with men if they meet the expectations of the job.

“I think the biggest obstacle would depend on their family life,” junior justice studies major Janelli Arroyo said. “There is a lot of younger mothers in this day and age, and to go serve would be a big hardship for them.”

Arroyo highlighted women’s potential strength in the military, saying that women can be more focused and kindhearted than men.

She also pointed out that they are good decision-makers and have the drive to achieve whatever goals they set for themselves.

To put things into perspective, I talked to senior child and adolescent development major Kandace McBride, who is engaged to a Marine stationed in Missouri.

Rather than women enlisting, McBride’s biggest concern was whether or not they could handle it.

“Men may be able to greater detach from things, especially when it comes to infantry divisions where you have that possibility of having to kill someone. That’s just the reality of being in the Armed Forces,” McBride said. “I think it may be more difficult for women, who are such emotional beings, to face that reality even if you do have a different job. It would be difficult for many to grasp that side of the military.”

In the end, it is more about skill than gender. If a woman can match the men, then let her serve.

If she shows leadership or skills that no one else has, then promote her.

There may be many obstacles for women as far as military status goes, but if someone is qualified and they want to join the Armed Forces, let them.

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Liberty and justice for all, except for refugees

By Rebecca Pirayou
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With the rise of the Arab Spring in 2011, millions of Syrians have fled the country, seeking refuge from the civil war that has ravaged their homeland.

The news has been overflowing with reports of refugees drowning on sinking boats that were supposed to deliver them to safety and reports of countries that are closing their borders to incoming refugees because they are at capacity.

The majority of us watch this from our couches as we eat a home-cooked meal or read about it on our \$800 iPhones from the comfort of our warm beds with a roof over our heads.

Although President Obama pledged to admit 10,000 refugees within the next year, the nation is somewhat divided due to a highly accepted idea that the country is bringing in and protecting terrorists.

Last November, CNN reported that 31 governors refused to allow refugees into their states.

Although they do not have the power to enforce it (that is in the hands of the federal government), that notion speaks volumes about how a majority of the country feels about refugees.

These governors justified this by pointing out that there was a Syrian passport near one of the ISIS terrorists involved in the 2015 Paris attacks.



While frightening, this should not be a reason to fear refugees. Americans may not want to admit it, but the reality is that ISIS and other terrorist organizations have been known to recruit over the Internet and they may have already infiltrated American citizens; so it doesn’t matter if they have Syrian passports or were born and raised in the U.S.

According to CNN, potential presidential nominee Donald Trump said he is against refugees entering the United States, comparing them to the Trojan horse. He thinks that every single Syrian refugee, literally running for their life, is a terrorist.

On some miniscule level, he’s right. The United States needs to protect itself but that doesn’t mean the country cannot do all it can to protect these people that have nothing.

As long as the government properly investigates and conducts thorough background checks to the extent that our country is extremely capable of, there should be no problems allowing refugees into the country.

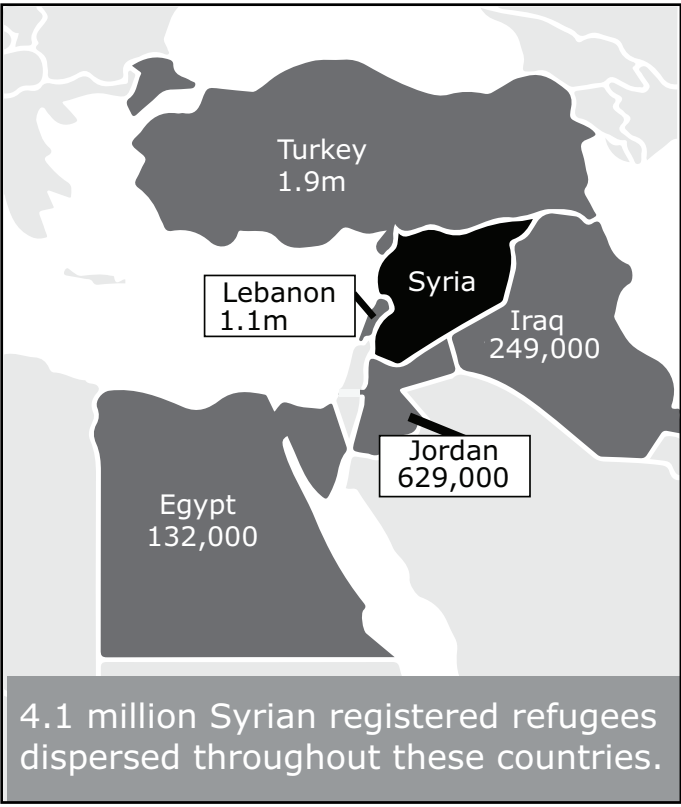
According to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, “if you are approved as a refugee, you will receive a medical exam, a cultural orientation, help with your travel plans, and a loan for your travel to the United States. After you arrive, you will be eligible for medical and cash assistance.”

The government offers some assistance for the refugees to be relocated and assimilated, but I believe that more can be done and a lot of it comes down to finances.

When it comes to human lives, money should never be an issue. If the U.S. government can spare the funds to send politicians on vacation, they can definitely find the money to support refugees seeking asylum.

If the government is low on capital to support these people living in tents on country borders and have had to watch their babies die, I am positive that there are people, even large corporations, that would be willing to support and raise any necessary funds.

According to Business Insider, the United States has more wealth than countries like Turkey, Lebanon,



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Jordan and France, countries that have taken in exceptionally more refugees than the U.S.

With this kind of financial advantage over other countries, it’s a little embarrassing that the United States isn’t going as far as other less financially stable countries.

According to the Huffington Post, the Midwest is one of the cheapest places to live in the U.S. and could be a great foundation for refugees to build their new lives.

The bottom line is with proper vetting, appropriate use of government funds and proper planning, the United States has the means to take in Syrian refugees whether the government wants to admit it or not.

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SJSU sharpshooter aims toward future

By Rebecca Pirayou
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Recently attaining 1,000 points in her college basketball career, point guard Dezz Ramos, doesn't let her success get to her head. Born in Redondo Beach, Calif., Ramos considers West Valley, Utah her hometown. She went on to play basketball at Weber State University, but ultimately decided to transfer to San Jose State University. However, SJSU was not her initial choice. When her plans to play for and attend Santa Clara University as a transfer student fell through, Ramos sought out SJSU and coach Jamie Craighead.

"I thought her style was a great fit for me...They're nice and fast and I like to run an up tempo game," Ramos said. Ramos was not alone when she transferred. Best friends at Weber State University, junior Kalie Matthews, left the school the same time Ramos did. Coincidentally, they ended up playing basketball together again at SJSU. "I'm really proud of her and really happy for her because she had a rough go last year coming here and trying to get everything figured out," Matthews said, regarding Ramos's adjustment to the school.

Her peers have nothing but positive things to say about her. Not only is her place on the team significant, but her love for the game itself is like no other. "She has an unbelievable gift to score the basketball, not everybody has that gift," Craighead said. "But she loves this game and she plays it really hard." Craighead said that on the court, Ramos is focused and can play on every level; off the court she is something else. "She's a good person, she has a really big heart," Matthews said. "She acts like she doesn't really care about much but when it comes down to it, she re-

ally does and she's funny, she's very goofy." A first impression of Ramos wouldn't give this away. What initially comes off shy and reserved ultimately transcends into modesty. "As good as she is, she could be pretty cocky but she's a very humble person and she's very thankful and grateful for the things she has," Matthews said. Ramos doesn't talk much about her success on the court, rather she attributes it to discipline and sacrifices she's made to improve her game. She puts in hours of work every day in order to get to where she is in the game. "They have to yell at her to get out of the gym," Matthews said.



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Point guard Dezz Ramos leads the Spartans with 18.5 points per game which ranks second in the Mountain West.

Spartans add fresh legs for next season

By Nick Avila
Staff writer

The Spartan men's soccer team announced the signing of three players last week and added a fourth player, who is a four-year college transfer. The team signed midfielder Jeffrey Dukes, goalkeeper Kris Donaldson and midfielder Leonardo Silva. Goalkeeper Nedin Tucakovic also transferred to San Jose State from San Diego State. Spartans head coach Simon Tobin said he's excited with the talent the program has brought in this year and he's looking forward to helping boost the program back into national recognition with players that he's recruited.

While Tobin mentions Tucakovic's talents, he said Donaldson and Dukes will help the club. Tobin said Silva is a player he decided was worth grabbing from a junior college, something he rarely does. "I don't often go junior college kids but... I put Leo right there as one of the best junior college players I've seen," Tobin said. "I expect him to make an impact." Silva attended West Valley Junior College and had 14 goals and eight assists in 21 games, 20 of which he started in the 2015-16 season, according to California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA).

Since the Spartans' season doesn't start until August, there's still plenty of time for the team to add more players; Tobin said he's working on a few more pieces to add to the roster. But for now, Tucakovic said his team is just getting into practicing and getting a feel for what it's like playing with each other and praises his teammates for their technical styles. "We started (practicing) two weeks ago. It's fitness, fitness, fitness," Tucakovic said. "Getting us back in shape. Then Thursday, Fridays we get to play with the ball so it's nice." The same way Tobin praised Tucakovic among the other signees, the goalkeeper has also kept a close eye on the new additions and feels they can improve the Spartans. "I'm pretty excited because I saw our recruiting class... I grew up with a lot of them and I know what their caliber is," Tucakovic said. "We're going to be in contention of winning the WAC and making the tournament."

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Soccer standouts sign with Spartans

San Jose State women's team reloads every position

By Samantha Verdugo
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The Mountain West champions have reloaded for 2016 with five new players. The pair of midfielders Yartiza Arista and Gabriela Herrera, along with forward Kristen Amarikwa, defender Carlie James and goalkeeper Ana Calero, are all set to join the San Jose State women's soccer team next fall. "We are thrilled about them," head coach Lauren Hanson said. "They are a great group of girls and good people who are committed to our goal and mission here at SJSU and towards our soccer program of building up and competing."

Hanson and the coaching staff mostly recruit in California by watching them play in tournaments and games. The five new Spartans have been verbally committed for the past year and half. "I'm really excited to see the new additions to our team and just how far we are going to go this season," said freshman forward Darriell Franklin.

The women's soccer team lost five seniors last season, but can now recover with the latest addition of players for next season. "This season, I am looking forward to showing everyone that we are not like a one-year happening, that we can do it again (win the championship)," Hoppius said. Like Hoppius, Franklin wants to prove to everyone that they have worked hard and deserve to win again. Coach Hanson describes the five new Spartans as "skilled" and "very gifted." Hanson said that the new additions are true soccer players and will do great with their current possession style of play on the field. "This year, I look forward to the challenge of keeping last year's tradition of a successful season and building off what we did," Hanson said.

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Kristen Amarikwa FW

Bakersfield, CA

Frontier H.S.



Yartiza Aeisra MF

Livingston H.S.


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Gabriela Herrera MF

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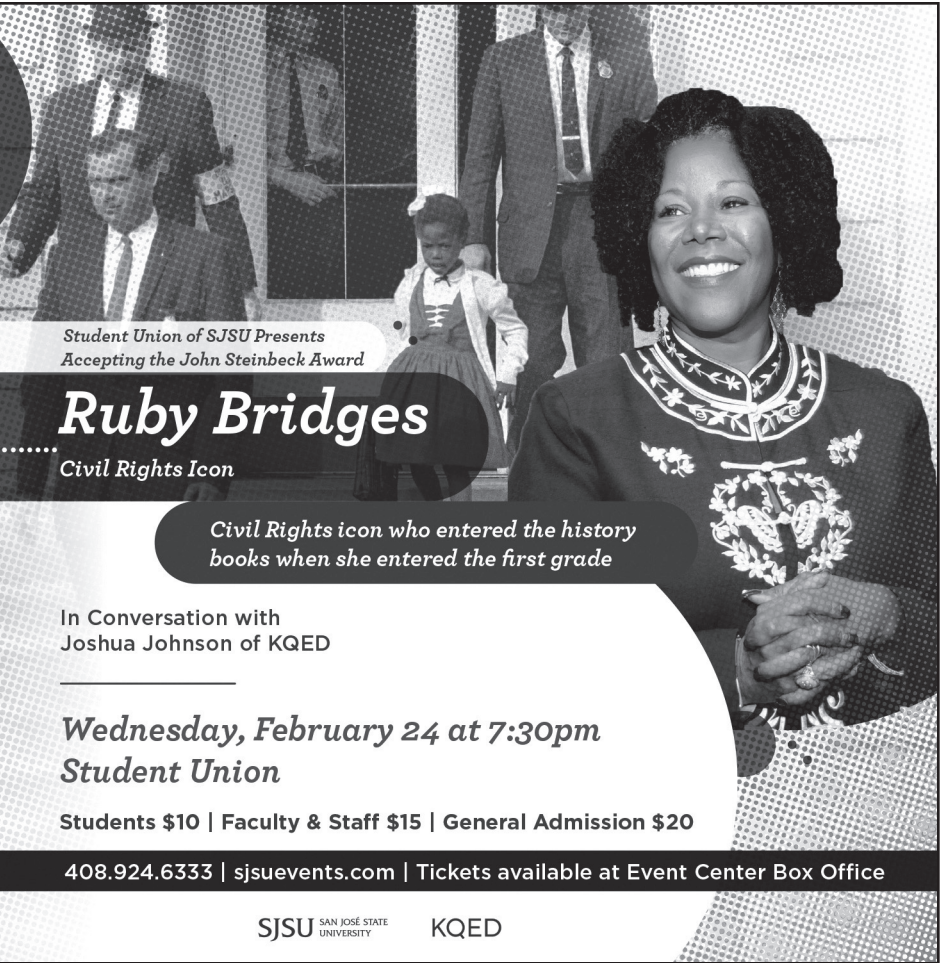


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